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FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025 ONE DOLLAR

## Stars, Stripes, and Stories

By STEFANIE BROOKE • Tangi Times Community Journalist

FLAG
DAY
JUNE
14

Hold onto your hats, patriotic pals, because we're celebrating Flag Day! Now, you might be thinking, "Flag Day? Is that even a real holiday?" Well, buckle up, buttercup, because this unsung hero of American celebrations has a story that's as colorful as its very own stripes, and it's far from a recent fad!

Our flag's birthday bash actually dates back to June 14, 1777. Picture this: the Continental Congress, probably fueled by lukewarm coffee and big dreams, decided it was high time the fledgling United States got its own snazzy banner. Before that, every rebellious regiment was basically waving its own funky designs, which, while certainly expressive, probably made battlefield coordination a bit of a head-scratcher.

So, on that fateful day, they passed a resolution declaring, "Resolved, that the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the Union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new Constellation." And just like that, our original Stars and Stripes were born!

Now, the official "Flag Day“ as we know it didn't just magically appear overnight. It took a while for folks to decide this fabulous fabric deserved its own annual shindig.

Fast forward to 1885, when a super enthusiastic schoolteacher in Wisconsin named Bernard Cigrand basically decided, "Enough is enough! Our flag needs a party!" He got his students to celebrate the day, and thus began the slow but steady march toward national recognition.

It wasn't until 1916 that President Woodrow Wilson made it official with a proclamation, and then, in 1949, President Harry Truman sealed the deal by signing it into law. So, while it's not a federal holiday that gives everyone a day off (boo, hiss!), it's definitely a day worth celebrating.

Speaking of fun facts, did you know the current 50-star flag was actually designed by a 17-year-old high school student named Robert G. Heft for a history project? He got a B- initially, but when his design was later chosen by President Dwight D. Eisenhower (out of over 1,500 submissions!), his teacher famously upgraded his grade to an A.

Talk about a glow-up! And while the legend of Betsy Ross sewing the first flag is a delightful tale, historians are a bit fuzzy on the actual seamstress of that inaugural banner.

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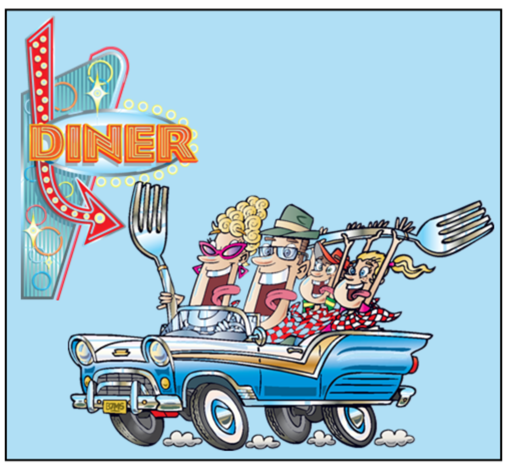
## Order Up!

### *Hold the screens, add extra laughs*

**By STEFANIE BROOKE**
**Tangi Times**
**Community Journalist**

There's nothing quite like a night out at a restaurant: the clinking of silverware, the promise of dessert you didn't have to bake, and the joy of having someone else do the dishes. But for many families, dining out has quietly morphed into a scene that looks more like a silent movie – everyone bathed in the soft glow of their own screens, scrolling through different digital universes while their mozzarella sticks grow cold.

Now listen, this isn't a guilt trip. Sometimes, screens are survival. We've all had "those" days – meltdowns in the minivan, pants on backwards, and a dinner reservation you forgot you made. If Paw Patrol is the only thing standing between you and public mayhem, go forth with your screen and no regrets.



But if you're looking to bring your little ones back to the table (literally and figuratively), there's magic to be found in putting the devices away and inviting kids to actually experience the art of restaurant-ing. From reading the menu like a treasure map to practicing "please" and "thank you" like mini food critics, there's so much real-world learning happening between the breadbasket and the check.

Try playing "Guess the Food" where you describe an item on the menu in a mysterious voice (the weirder, the better) and let your kids guess what it is. Or bring along a tiny notebook for a game of "restaurant reviewer," letting kids rate everything from the napkin texture to how crunchy the fries are.

Classic games like "I Spy," "20 Questions," and "Would You Rather" can turn waiting for chicken fingers into a hilarious bonding moment. And don't underestimate the power of a pack of crayons and a napkin. Tic-tac-toe never tasted so good.

Try The Last Bite Game, where everyone guesses who will take the last fry, roll, or chip on the plate. Or

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## Weekend Weather

| Saturday 6/14 | Sunday 6/15 |
|---|---|
| 89 54% | 90 42% |
| 72 24% | 73 24% |

### From The Tangi Times Weekend Weather Team

**Bob Brick**

**Margaret Oar**

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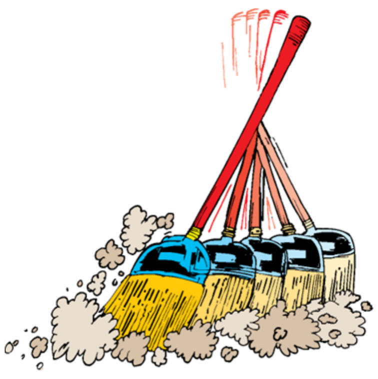
From dust we came, and to dust, we shall return.



This is why I don't dust. It could be someone I know.

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## movie quote Challenge

Can you cite the movie that featured this memorable quote? Email the answer to publisher@tangitimes.com.

**"Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn."**

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Congratulations to **Ben Becnel** for being the first to correctly identify last week's challenge from **Toy Story!**

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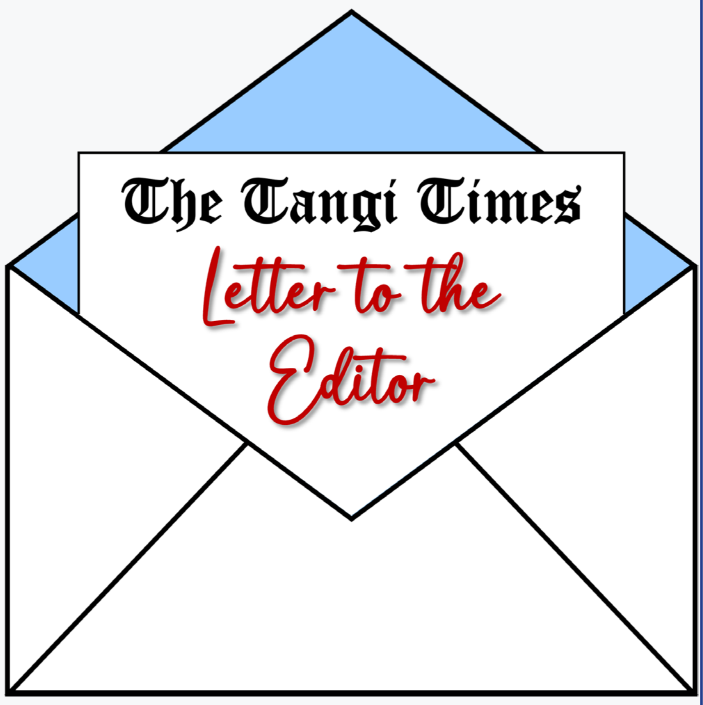

## The Tangi Times Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Thank you for your fantastic coverage of the 2025 Youth Fishing Rodeo which was held at Zemurray Park this past Saturday! This now annual event attracted more than 300 children (ages 15 and under), who were accompanied by the adult of their choice to spend a glorious Saturday morning fishing in the Zemurray pond. It was an incredible event, and the smiles and laughter were a testament to the fun that was had by young and old alike!

Tangipahoa Parish Government has been a proud sponsor of this event each year, but we cannot claim credit for its inception. This was the brainchild of Pastor Lionel Sutton. A few years ago, when our parish was reeling from several horrific cases involving youth violence, Elder Sutton came forward with the idea of this fishing rodeo. He and his organization, SAY, which stands for "Save a Youth," invited other like-minded groups to develop this event. His mission was to remind our community that Tangipahoa is a place that is built on hope and love, compassion for one another, and enjoying time together. The Youth Fishing Rodeo is the perfect visual of these values we hold so dearly. As I walked around Zemurray Park Saturday, each participant was having fun and making memories that will last for years and years. People were helping each other – and not just in their family units. As the day went on, everyone worked together – regardless of age, race, or gender. People were making friends, sharing laughs, and coming together.

It was a perfect day.

I'd like to thank our TPG family, who came out in force to help make this event a success! Many thanks to our partners with Save a Youth, the United Cajun Navy, the Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office, the City of Hammond, Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries, and PJ's Coffee, who helped us make this day possible.

In just our second year, this event has grown from about 100 families to well over 300 children plus their guests! As we look forward to 2026, we hope to grow that number even more! Thank you to everyone who took part in this amazing event, and if you missed it, please make plans to join us next year! You'll be glad you did!

Robby Miller
Tangipahoa Parish President

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING!! in Tangi

**Thursday June 12**
6 pm
Wine Bingo
Crescent Lounge
120 W Pine St., Ponchatoula

**Thursday June 12- Saturday June 14**
7-9 pm
Stable & Coop: Soft Opening
109 South Cate St, Hammond

**Friday June 13**
5–8 PM
Josephine Alphonso & the Peachy Fiends and Jupiter Flood
Cate Square Park
279 N Oak St., Hammond

**Friday June 13**
7-9:30 pm
Singer Songwriter Night
Crescent Lounge
120 W Pine St., Ponchatoula

**Saturday June 14**
10:30 am
Fireman's Poker Run
Boopalu's
29592 Highway 22, Springfield

**Saturday June 14**
10 am
Tea Tour
Fleur De Lis Tea Company
58265 N Cooper Rd., Amite

**Wednesday June 18**
12 pm
Audubon Regional Library's Summer Reading Performer: Magnolia Wilds
6108 Highway 10, Greensburg

**Wednesday June 18**
Craft a Compass Necklace
Loranger Branch Library
19451 Hwy 40, Loranger

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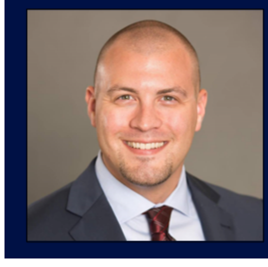

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## Safety Tip of the Day

**Teach your children how to save lives**

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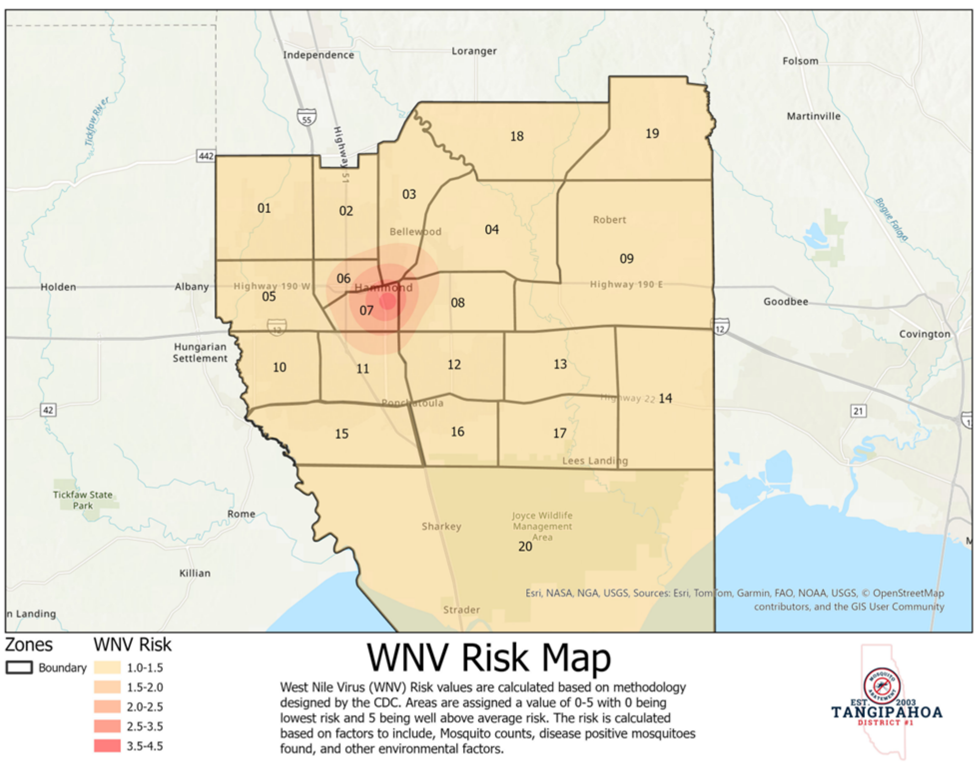
# West Nile Virus Detected in Tangipahoa Parish



WNV Risk Map

West Nile Virus (WNV) Risk values are calculated based on methodology designed by the CDC. Areas are assigned a value of 0-5 with 0 being lowest risk and 5 being well above average risk. The risk is calculated based on factors to include, Mosquito counts, disease positive mosquitoes found, and other environmental factors.

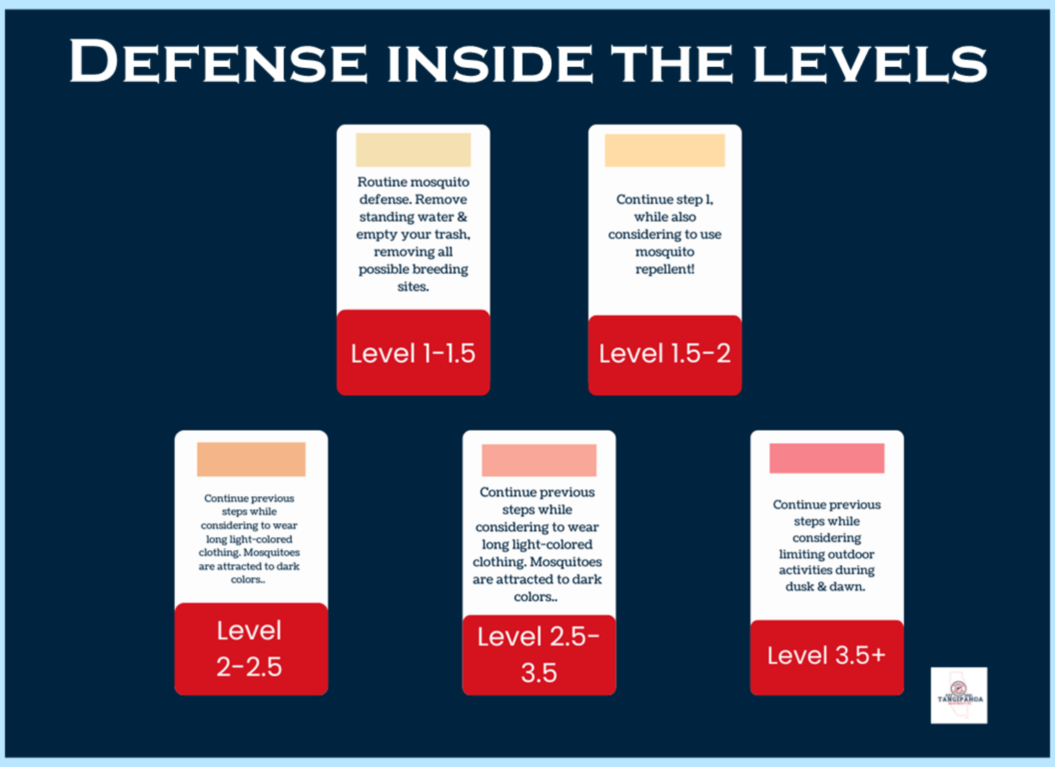
**The Tangipahoa Mosquito Abatement District has detected its first West Nile Virus activity of the year. Two mosquito samples located in the Hammond Area have tested positive for the disease.**

**West Nile Virus is the most common mosquito-borne disease in the continental United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control, most people infected with WNV do not feel sick.**

**About 1 in 5 people who are infected develop a fever and other symptoms, with about 1 in 150 infections leading to a serious, sometimes fatal illness.**

**"While the risk of West Nile virus is still relatively low, we urge all Tangipahoa residents to take proper precautions against mosquitoes as we head into the peak season for disease activity," says Director Colby Colona.**

**TMAD is asking residents to follow basic mosquito-defense methods such as applying repellent, wearing long sleeves, and removing standing water from around their homes. Hammond residents should follow these steps while also considering minimizing their time outdoors at dawn and dusk.**



## DEFENSE INSIDE THE LEVELS

Routine mosquito defense. Remove standing water & empty your trash, removing all possible breeding sites.
Level 1-1.5

Continue step 1, while also considering to use mosquito repellent!
Level 1.5-2

Continue previous steps while considering to wear long light-colored clothing. Mosquitoes are attracted to dark colors..
Level 2-2.5

Continue previous steps while considering to wear long light-colored clothing. Mosquitoes are attracted to dark colors..
Level 2.5-3.5

Continue previous steps while considering limiting outdoor activities during dusk & dawn.
Level 3.5+

*For more information about West Nile Virus, please visit:*
*https://www.cdc.gov/west-nile-virus/about/index.html*

# TANGI GUMBO

## A little bit of everything you need to know

The Hammond Northshore Regional Airshow is set to return bigger and better than ever on October 11–12, 2025, bringing high-flying excitement to the skies over Tangipahoa Parish. Held at the Hammond Northshore Regional Airport, this thrilling event will feature breathtaking aerial performances, vintage aircraft displays, hands-on STEM activities, and fun for the whole family, making it a must-see celebration of aviation. For more details, visit www.hammondairshow.com.

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Hammond Area Recreation District 1 is launching a FREE Zemurray Sports Summer Skills Series beginning June 17, offering local youth a fun and active way to build their athletic abilities over the summer. Held every Tuesday from 9:30am to 12:00pm at Zemurray Park, the series will alternate weekly between flag football and soccer, providing a dynamic and engaging experience for participants. Families are encouraged to learn more and register online at https://bit.ly/4k6GwGO.

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Lorena Guerrero of Ponchatoula has been named to Upper Iowa University's Spring 2025 Dean's List

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The Amite River Basin Commission invites Capital Region residents to a public discussion on the historic ARBC flood plan and the future of flood protection in the Amite River Basin at any of these public events: Livingston Parish, June 18, 2025, 6:00 – 8:00pm, Livingston Parish Council Chambers, 20355 Government Blvd. Livingston, LA 70754; East Feliciana & St. Helena Parishes, June 23, 2025, 6:00pm – 8:00pm; East Feliciana Police Jury, 12064 Marston St. Clinton, LA 70722.

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The 85th annual session of the Louisiana Department of the American Legion's Boys State program will take place June 22–28, 2025, on the campus of Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond. The weeklong civic education experience brings together hundreds of rising high school seniors from across the state to engage in a hands-on simulation of the Louisiana political system, where they elect peers to positions from city council to governor and take on challenges faced by real-world government of-

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# POS
## (PERSON OF SUSPICION)
## OF THE WEEK

### POS Michael Keller

**Detectives with the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office ICAC (Internet Crimes Against Children) Task Force, along with the assistance of the Louisiana Bureau of Investigations/ Attorney General's Office, investigated and identified Michael Keller as a suspect. Detectives were able to take the suspect 29-year-old Michael Keller of St. Amant into custody and charged him with the following crimes against children:**

**(1) One count of Indecent Behavior with Juveniles**
**(1) One count of Computer Aided Solicitation of a Minor**

**Sheriff Jason Ard says, "The Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office ICAC Task Force is constantly combating the online dangers awaiting the children of this parish and the state of Louisiana. ICAC investigators are utilizing all investigative tools and forensic skills to keep predators from preying on innocent juvenile users of social media platforms and gaming servers. You can learn from our ICAC team by requesting a free presentation: 225-435-1365."**

**All persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty*

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# Fundraiser for TPSO Det. Mike Johnson

## Double lung transplant candidate

## Saturday, June 21, 2025
## 11:00am-5:30pm
## Ponchatoula Lions Club
## 750 E. Pine St.
## Ponchatoula

**RAFFLE: Brothers in Arms Signature AR-15 5.56.**
**Tickets are $30 each or $100 for four.**

**To make the fundraiser for Mike successful, the following donations and support are needed:**

Cooks and food for plate dinners (chicken, sausage, jambalaya, etc.); items for a silent auction; monetary donations; motorcycle/car show participants; entertainment; volunteers; and anything else that can enhance the event.

Almost any item of value can serve as an auction item. Businesses can donate gift cards, merchandise, memberships, classes, art, experiences, and a variety of other tangible and intangible products and services.

**To buy a raffle ticket, donate, or if you can help in any way, please contact Mike's daughter, Brittanni Stewart, at 985-318-9505; James Sparacello with Delta Seven at 504-915-6764; or email publisher@tangitimes.com.**

**Car show participants,**
**call Jody Borne at 985-320-9792.**

**TO MAKE A MONETARY DONATION TO SUPPORT MIKE:**

**Mail check to:**
**Mike Johnson Fundraiser**
**c/o The Tangi Times**
**P.O. Box 743**
**Ponchatoula, LA 70454**

**Make checks payable to Michael Johnson**

**TO MAKE A DONATION BY CREDIT CARD**
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**Please mark your calendars for the fundraiser on June 21.**

# Mike Johnson Fundraiser Car Show

**Saturday, June 21, 2025**
**11:00am to 5:30pm**
**Ponchatoula Lions Club**
**750 E. Pine St., Ponchatoula**

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**GENERAL SHOW INFORMATION**

- Register in advance or at the event
- $25 entry fee
- 50/50 Raffle

**SHOW VEHICLE INFORMATION**

- Registration will begin at 10:00am
- Vehicles must be in place by noon to be judged
- Voting ballots must be turned in by 1:00pm sharp!
- Awards will be announced at 3:30pm

**REGISTRATION (CASH ONLY – NO CARDS OR VENMO)**

Name ______________________________ Phone ____________________

Address ______________________________________________________

Email ________________________________________________________

Vehicle Make ______________ Model ______________ Year ______ Color __________

Car Club Affiliation ___________________________________________

By signing below, I hereby release all parties that participate in or attend this show, anyone associated with the promotion, organization, or coordination of this show, and the property owner(s) from any responsibility or liability for any damage that results from my participation in this show.
I understand that by signing, I hereby waive my rights to any related legal action.

Signature ______________________________ Date __________________

Please scan and email completed registration form to jody.borne@gmail.com. To request an electronic form, please send an email to publisher@tangitimes.com or call 985-467-0096. Due to the uncertain reliability of the U.S. Postal Service, please do not send this registration form via postal mail.
To submit the form by hand, please deliver to the Tangi Times News Headquarters, 1579 Hwy 51, Ponchatoula, LA.

For questions regarding the car show, please call Jody Borne at 985-320-9792.

**All proceeds from this event will benefit TPSO Detective Mike Johnson in support of his upcoming double lung transplant. Mike has served the public safety and trust for over 40 years, and he needs our help.**

# Obituaries

### EDITH "PAT" CHARBONNET

Edith "Pat" Charbonnet

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Edith (Pat) Charbonnet. Edith (Pat) Charbonnet passed away on June 9, 2025, at the age of 83. She was born March 13,1942, to the late Edith and John Hoover, Sr.

Pat was a true people person who loved everyone and expressed that love by feeding them, whether they were family, friends, or even foes. Pat will be reunited with her husband, parents, and brother: Earl (EJ) Charbonnet, Edith and John Hoover, Sr., and John Hoover, Jr.

She leaves behind her loving children: Delaine Verdin (Donnie); Jimmy Charbonnet (Tammy); Michele (Micki) Leblanc; and Nanette Wetzel. Pat also leaves behind the apples of her eye – her grandchildren: Jodi Raiford, Heather VanGilder, Courtney Delatte (Neil), Ryan Charbonnet (Sandi), Danielle Wetzel, Dustin Charbonnet (Danielle), Kevin Warsh, and Joshua Wetzel, along with 13 great-grandchildren.

Pat will be laid to rest Thursday, June 12, 2025, at Ponchatoula Cemetery following visitation beginning at 9:00am and services at 11:00am at Harry McKneely Funeral Home in Ponchatoula, Louisiana. The Saturday morning crew will deeply miss her at Paul's Café, where she enjoyed pancakes with family and friends.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Life Source Hospice, and Landmark Nursing Center Hammond. A gathering for all family and friends will be held after the burial at Kiwanis Log Cabin located at 201 West Magnolia Street, Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

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# ORDER UP

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turn the wait into a Memory Challenge: Look around for one minute, then have everyone close their eyes and try to remember the color of the server's shirt, what was on the wall, or how many people are sitting nearby.

For older kids and teens, try "High-Low-Weird", where everyone shares the high point of their day, the low point, and something weird or unexpected. You might be surprised what comes out (and no, "Mom made me come here" doesn't count as the low point – usually).

Play "Menu Mix-Up" where each person picks one thing off the menu and you have to invent a wild backstory about how it got there. Who invented chicken nuggets? Was it a scientist? A wizard? A chicken who became a chef?

If you're really in it for the laughs, play "Accents Only" for five minutes – where everyone at the table can only speak in (loving, terrible) fake accents. Or challenge the table to "Silent Conversation," where everyone communicates only by drawing or pantomime until the food arrives.

Letting kids engage with the people around them (instead of just watching animated pigs jump in muddy puddles) helps build communication skills, patience, and even a sense of gratitude for the people preparing and serving their food.

Plus, you just might hear them say something unexpected, like, "I actually like Brussels sprouts," or "That waiter was really nice!" Write it down – it may never happen again.

So next time you're out to eat, consider leaving the tablets in the car, tucking a few fun games into your purse, and seeing what unfolds when your family dines with both forks and feelings. You might be surprised at the stories told, the jokes shared, and the number of ketchup packets turned into action heroes.

Bon appétit, and may your drinks arrive before the sugar crash.

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ficials. Participants also interact with leaders from various sectors – including politics, business, media, and the military – while exploring leadership, civic responsibility, and public service. The program, which has run since 1940, aims to equip young men with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to become engaged and informed citizens.

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Louisiana State Police and the Louisiana Office of Motor Vehicles (OMV) are warning residents about a new text message scam targeting personal information and charging fake fees. The scam involves fraudulent texts claiming recipients owe an "outstanding traffic ticket" and must pay or face consequences. Officials urge residents to ignore and delete such messages, emphasizing that the OMV does not send threatening texts or emails. To avoid scams, residents should avoid clicking on suspicious links, sharing personal information, or engaging with unverified sources, and should report incidents to reportfraud.ftc.gov. For secure transactions, residents should only use the official OMV website at www.expresslane.org.

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Coca Cola, the manufacturer of Topo Chico Mineral Water, has issued a voluntary recall of 18-packs of Topo Chico with lot numbers 11A2543, 12A2543, and 13A2541. You can bring it back to the place of purchase for exchange or refund or call Coca-Cola at 1-800-GET-COKE for more information. The recall is due to potential contamination of pseudomonas in the 16.9-oz. glass bottle products. According to the company, all impacted product has been removed from store shelves at the approximate 40 retail locations across Arizona, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, and Texas, and no illnesses have been reported.

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Shona Carlton of Ponchatoula has been named to the Dean's List for Spring 2025 at Centenary College of Louisiana in Shreveport.

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Nurse Practitioner Darryl Miles, Jr., APRN, FNP-C, has joined Northshore Internal Medicine Associates in Hammond, a clinic of North Oaks Health System. He is now accepting new patients, ages 16 and up. Miles began his professional career in the North Oaks Medical Center Emergency Department as a nurse technician and registered nurse, then as a nurse practitioner providing specialized triage and emergency care. Working with the Internal Medicine team at North Oaks, Miles will be available for yearly checkups, diagnosing illnesses and treating chronic conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure. Miles earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond. He is certified as a nurse practitioner by the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. Professionally, Miles belongs to the Louisiana Association of Nurse Practitioners, Emergency Nurses Association and Kappa Sigma Fraternity Alumni.

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Kennedy Ivey of Ponchatoula has been named to the President's List for Spring Semester 2025 at Minnesota State College Southeast in Red Wing and Winona, Minnesota.

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Local students at the University of Alabama were named to the dean's list with an academic record of 3.5 (or above) or the president's list with an academic record of 4.0 (all A's): Isaac Phillips of Ponchatoula was named to the President's List. Jaylah Vincent of Ponchatoula was named to the President's List. Leah Chatelain of Ponchatoula was named to the Dean's List. Marley Richard of Ponchatoula was named to the President's List.

**Notice is hereby given pursuant to Article 7, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B) that a public hearing of Ponchatoula Area Recreation District No. 1 in Tangipahoa Parish will be held at its regular meeting place in the Office Conference Room of the Gymnasium, located at 19030 Ponchatoula Park Drive, Ponchatoula, LA on Thursday, July 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. The estimated amount of tax revenues to be collected in the next year from the increased millage is $2,812,738.64, and the amount of increase in taxes attributable to the millage increase is $120,556.20**

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# Understanding American Flag Etiquette

## A Guide to Respecting the Stars and Stripes

**By RYLEY PEREZ**
**Tangi Times A.C.E.**

The American flag is one of the most enduring symbols of national pride, unity, and sacrifice. To honor what it represents, the United States Flag Code outlines official guidelines for the respectful display, handling, and retirement of the flag. Whether you're raising it outside your home, carrying it in a parade, or folding it for storage, understanding flag etiquette helps preserve its dignity and meaning.

***When to Display the Flag***

The U.S. flag should be displayed from sunrise to sunset on buildings and stationary flagstaffs in the open. If the flag is illuminated, it may be flown 24 hours a day. Common holidays for display include Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, and Flag Day (June 14), but it can and should be flown every day with proper care. On Memorial Day, the flag should be flown at half-staff until noon, then raised to full-staff for the remainder of the day.

***How to Raise and Lower the Flag***

When raising the flag, it should be hoisted briskly to the peak of the staff. When lowering it, the flag should come down slowly and ceremoniously. If flown at half-staff, raise it to the top first, then lower it to halfway. At day's end, the flag should be taken down unless properly lit overnight.

***Respectful Handling of the Flag***

The flag should never touch the ground, water, or floor. If it accidentally does, it should be inspected for damage. If it remains clean and undamaged, it can continue to be used. The flag should never be used as apparel, bedding, drapery, or for advertising purposes. It should not be written on, marked, or altered in any way.

***Proper Storage***

When not in use, the flag should be carefully folded into a triangle with only the blue field and stars visible. This traditional method, often used in military and ceremonial contexts, shows respect and preserves the flag's condition. Store it in a dry, clean place away from dirt, moisture, and direct sunlight to prevent fading or damage.

***How to Retire a Flag***

When a flag becomes too worn, faded, or tattered to be displayed respectfully, it should be retired in a dignified manner. The preferred method of retirement is burning the flag in a respectful ceremony. Many local American Legion posts, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) chapters, and Boy Scout troops offer flag retirement services. In some areas, fire departments and civic groups also host public flag retirement events.

***Everyday Awareness and Respect***

Displaying the American flag is a powerful gesture of patriotism, but it comes with responsibility. Standing and placing your right hand over your heart during the national anthem or Pledge of Allegiance is a sign of respect. When passing a flag in a procession, such as in a parade, observers should salute or show appropriate reverence.

By following these simple but meaningful practices, Americans help preserve the integrity of the flag and what it stands for – freedom, unity, and the sacrifice of those who served to protect it.

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# Fathers

### A Poem by Joe Bosch, a tiny, well-pruned twig grafted onto His vine

**Fathers love their children, even when they don't seem to show it.**
**Sometimes, when they are grumpy, it's hard for you to know it.**
**When they are harsh and demanding and seem to always criticize,**
**They are showing more love for you than you can ever realize.**
**Throughout their lives, they have known fear and pain and joy,**
**And they want to prepare you to be a successful girl or boy.**

**They know what it takes to prosper here on earth,**
**And they want you to learn the value of what really has great worth.**
**That's why they sometimes tell you to do things that are hard to do,**
**So you'll grow strong and learn to survive when life is hard on you.**
**Obey your fathers and you'll be blessed as you daily grow,**
**Because honoring your parents is God's law; the bible tells us so.**

**Daddies work hard to earn a living for their children and their wives.**
**Sometimes they don't share quality time in their families' lives.**
**They worry about bills, problems at work, and the cost of gasoline.**
**They come home tired to relax in a house that is quiet and clean.**
**They want to sit in their reclining chairs and watch the television set.**
**They may not be ready to talk and visit with anyone just yet.**

**When your father comes home from working all day through,**
**Give him a great big hug and tell him how much he means to you.**
**Tell him that you love him and that he makes you feel safe and snug.**
**Then put your arms around his neck and give him another hug.**
**No matter how old you are, you are still your daddy's little girl or boy.**
**When you hug his neck and kiss his cheek, you fill his heart with joy.**

**If you are lucky enough to have your father here with you today,**
**Hug him, tell him you love him, and wish him Happy Father's Day.**
**If he's not here with you right now, I'm sure he will be glad,**
**When you return home, hug him, and say, "I love you, Dad!"**
**Now let's tell Almighty God, our Father in Heaven up above,**
**That we love Him as we sing of His son Jesus and His eternal love.**

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# North Oaks Welcomes 46 Teens as Junior Volunteers for the Summer

From North Oaks

(Courtesy Photo)

**From left: (first row) Nollie George, Mandeville High School; Nevaeh Pierre, Hammond High Magnet School; Emma Huddleston, Mandeville High School; Ivy Roberts, Jewel Sumner High School; Taylor Boyd, Ponchatoula High School; Chloe Winn, Springfield High School; Hallie Hendry, Oak Forest Academy; Nora Faulk, St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Catholic High School; and Tianna Miller, Ponchatoula High School; (second row) Kate Dentro, Denham Springs High School; Kaylee McCain, Jewel Sumner High School; Lexi Childress and Riley Falcon, Ponchatoula High School; Ma'Kyra Dykes, Dulles High School; Lily Morse, Ponchatoula High School; Emma Denneau, St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Catholic High School; Rylie Jarreau, Ponchatoula High School; (third row) Autumn Lloyd, Denham Springs High School; Regina Adu, Hammond High Magnet School; Dillon Gosserand, Catholic High School; Shyanne Broxton, Ponchatoula High School; Payton Brown, University View; Haley Caballero, Ponchatoula High School; Alyssa Bonaventure (homeschooled); (fourth row) Giada Gaudet, Hammond High Magnet School; Emma Thornton, Springfield High School; Isabella Spitale, Oak Forest Academy; Kaitlyn Baham, Doyle High School; Celia Michel, Ponchatoula High School; (fifth row) Noah Morgan, St. Thomas More High School; Patrick Winn, Springfield High School; Noah Spitale, Oak Forest Academy; Elijah Williamson, Archbishop Hannan High School; Paul Kreamer, University View; Cade Vampran, Live Oak High School; and Nick Stan, Fontainbleau High School. Not pictured are Levi Johnson, Hammond High Magnet School; Peyton Lashua, Walker High School; Amelia McKinney, Hammond High Magnet School; Hailey Williams, Ponchatoula High School; Maxx Klein, Albany High School; Gresly Flores, Ponchatoula High School; Madison Capadona, Loranger High School; Jeanne LaCour and Macie Mott, St. Scholastica Academy; and Kate Fournier, Denham Springs High School**

On June 3, North Oaks welcomed 46 teens to orientation for the health system's Junior Volunteer summer program.

This year's junior volunteers represent 19 Louisiana high schools and five parishes—East Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Livingston, Tangipahoa and St. Tammany parishes. Junior volunteers also represent two homeschool programs and one Texas high school in Sugar Land.

"Our summer program offers teens, ages 14 to 17, a unique opportunity for community service where they work as a team, learn new skills and can get ideas for their future career paths," explains North Oaks Volunteer Services Manager Malissa Gonzalez. The 7-week volunteer program will run from June 9 to July 25.

The junior volunteers are: Maxx Klein, Albany High School; Elijah Williamson, Archbishop Hannan High School; Dillon Gosserand, Catholic High School; Kate Dentro, Kate Fournier and Autumn Lloyd, Denham Springs High School; Kaitlyn Baham, Doyle High School; Ma'Kyra Dykes, Dulles High School; Nick Stan, Fontainbleau High School; Regina Adu, Giada Gaudet, Levi Johnson, Amelia McKinney and Nevaeh Pierre, Hammond High Magnet School; Alyssa Bonaventure (homeschooled); Kaylee McCain and Ivy Roberts, Jewel Sumner High School; Cade Vampran, Live Oak High School; Madison Capadona, Loranger High School; Nollie George and Emma Huddleston, Mandeville High School; Hallie Hendry, Isabella Spitale and Noah Spitale, Oak Forest Academy; Taylor Boyd, Shyanne Broxton, Haley Caballero, Lexi Childress, Riley Falcon, Gresly Flores, Rylie Jarreau, Celia Michel, Tianna Miller, Lily Morse and Hailey Williams, Ponchatoula High School; Emma Denneau and Nora Faulk, St. Thomas Aquinas Regional Catholic High School; Jeanne LaCour and Macie Mott, St. Scholastica Academy; Noah Morgan, St. Thomas More Catholic High School; Emma Thornton, Chloe Winn and Patrick Winn, Springfield High School; Payton Brown and Paul Kreamer, University View (homeschool); Peyton Lashua, Walker High School.

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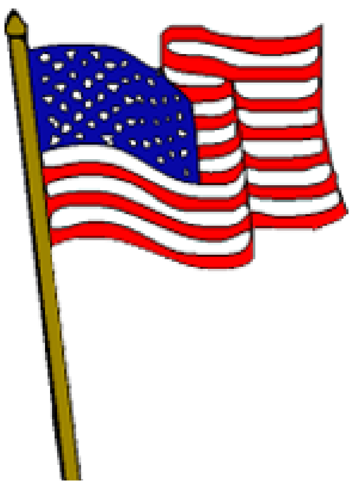

## FLAG DAY

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Our beloved flag has certainly seen some things. It was proudly waving over Fort McHenry in 1814 during the War of 1812, inspiring Francis Scott Key to pen the lyrics to "The Star-Spangled Banner" (though it took until 1931 for it to become our national anthem!).

Then, there's that iconic image of Marines raising the flag on Iwo Jima during World War II, a symbol of grit and determination. And who can forget the powerful sight of firefighters raising the flag amidst the rubble of Ground Zero after 9/11, a beacon of hope and unity in a moment of profound tragedy?

From moon landings to civil rights marches, our flag has truly been there, fluttering through thick and thin, representing the wild, wonderful, and sometimes wacky journey of our nation.

So, this June 14, as you're enjoying the humid Louisiana air, take a moment to look up at any flags you see. Give a little nod, maybe even a salute if you're feeling extra jazzy. It's a day to appreciate the history, the symbolism, and the sheer coolness of our Stars and Stripes.

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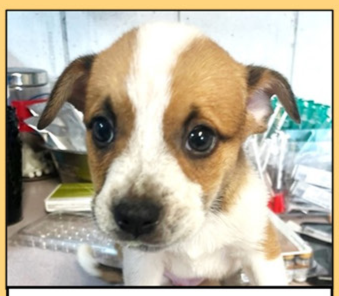

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# Campus Corner

By PABLO CREWES
Tangi Times Sportswriter

On Monday, Lady Lion softball standout Maria Detillier was named the Southland Conference's Women's Student Athlete of the Year. The junior infielder helped lead her team to an NCAA Regional for the second straight year.

The Gramercy product carried a 4.0 grade point average, while going .365 from the plate, including 69 hits (25 for extra bases), scoring 43 runs, driving in 55 more, and swiping 17 bases. She joins Lion basketball standout Sam Hines, Jr., who earned the men's award last week.

Detillier was named to the Southland Conference's All-Academic squad, where she's joined by four teammates. Junior pitcher Macie LaRue and sophomore infielder Chloe Magee joined Detillier on the first team. A pair of freshmen, Shelby Morris and Hallie Burns, got the nod on the second team.

Also that day, baseball's closer, Brady St. Pierre, was named a Freshman All-American by the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association. The Laplace native saved nine games for the Lions – second-most in the SLC and 23rd best in Division I. St. Pierre had a 2-1 record while holding opponents to a .202 average.

Later that night, a guy that was used to writing was being written about. Longtime Southeastern Sports Information Director Larry Hymel, who was inducted into the SLU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1995 and the Louisiana Sports Writers Association Hall of Fame in 2011, was inducted to the College Sports Communicator's Hall of Fame.

The 1966 graduate served as the director of sports media relations for 28 years. Following his time as SID, Hymel served as director of the alumni center, as well as alumni athletic coordinator for the Southeastern Athletic Association.

Getting back to baseball, Tuesday saw another Lion right-hander collect some more recognition when Brennan Stuprich was named to the American Baseball Coaches Association's South All-Region Second Team. The senior from Kenner sported a 9-5 mark in 2025, with a 2.90 earned run average. The Brother Martin alum paced the Southland in wins and in strikeouts with 109.

Also on Tuesday, Lady Lion hoops went for the baker's dozen, signing their 13th player for next season. Mari Dangerfield, a 6' guard from Dallas inked with Coach Jeff Dow. This spring, she concluded her high school career with 11 points and 4.3 rebounds a game at Legion Preparatory Academy.

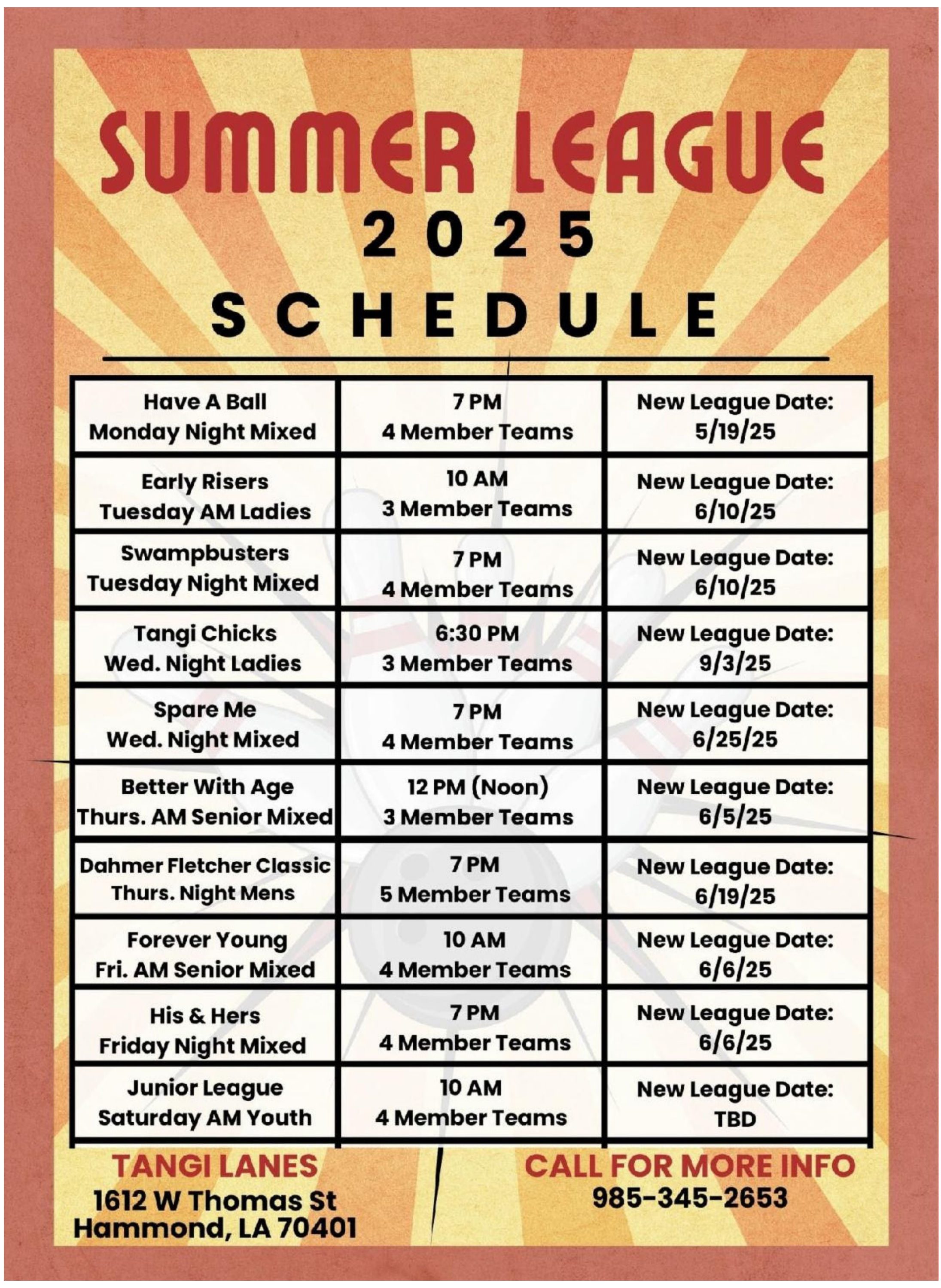
Wednesday saw SLU athletic director Jay Artigue announced the continuation of a partnership with Peak Sports management. Peak, who has served as a corporate partner since 2015, specializes in sponsorships, season tickets and promotions.

Later that day, it was more good news for Stuprich, who was named to NCBWA's All-American Third Team. In 2025, he ended his career tied for the most wins in school history, the leader in starts and innings, and one strike out shy of equaling the Lion career mark.

On Wednesday afternoon, the SLC announced the All-Southland teams, which include Donroy Brown and Terrell Webb of the men's squad and Esther Nwanze of the Lady Lions. Webb and Nwanze were also tabbed to the First Team All-Academic, with Brown being named to the Second Team.

On Thursday, all eyes turned to Onyah Favour, who began her stint at the Outdoor National Championships in Eugene, OR, in the 400-meter dash.

You can read up on each of the stories and more on line at lion sports.net.



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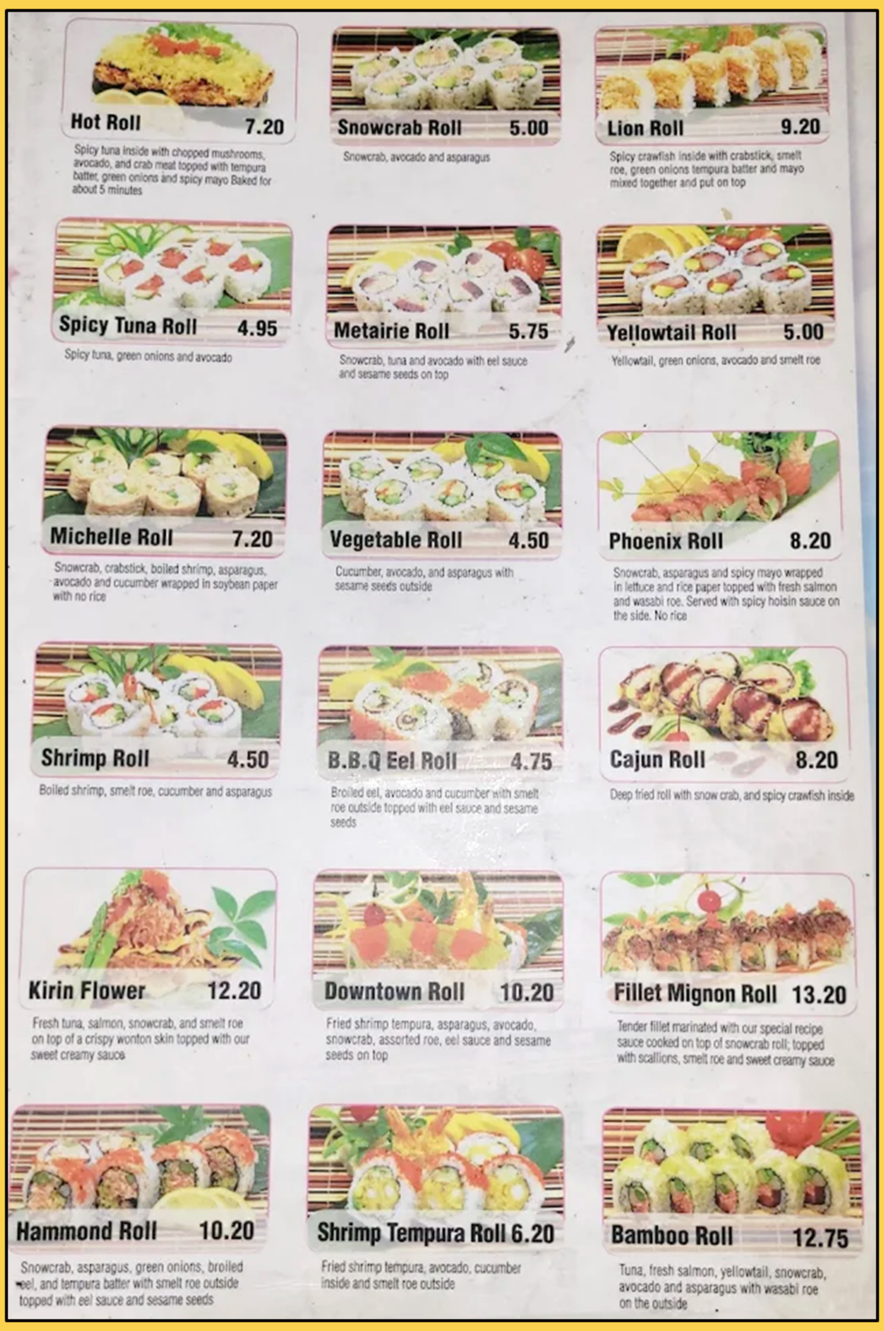

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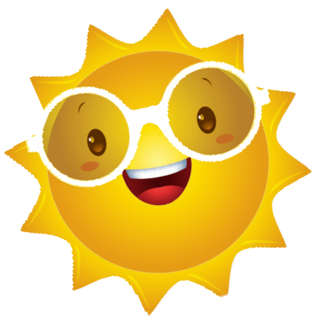

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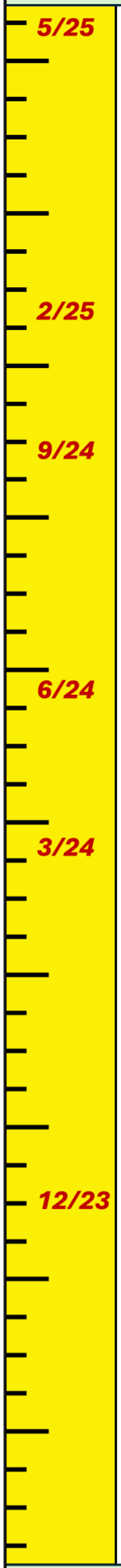

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| **Friday, June 13** | Barrett Morgan (6-9:30 pm) | Ben & Alyssa (6-9 pm) |
| **Saturday, June 14** | Callie Arthur (10-1:30)<br>Pat Cataina (2-5:30 pm)<br>ZacK Day (6-9:30 pm) | Lake Ragan (6-9 pm) |

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